

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A construction of breathable film upon a membrane with pores or passages that extend through the porous membrane enables the membrane to maintain a moisture vapor transport, namely, to be breathable, while the breathable film on the surface of the porous membrane serves as a barrier to the ingress of unwanted liquids. In the porous membrane, the diameter of an individual one of the pores is sufficiently small so as to enable the porous membrane to support a section of a reduced-thickness breathable film extending across openings of the pores without rupturing the breathable film.